

**CURIOUS.**—A subscriber in Lenawee county says that he last week attempted boring for water in his well, which had become dry. After boring several feet through a strata of clay, the augur suddenly sank, and was as suddenly thrown back with sufficient force to raise the man who had hold of the rod, leaving him suspended in the air. On drawing on the augur, a jet of fine sand was thrown many feet above the top of the well, with a noise of steam from a large engine. The jet continued for about an hour, completely filling up the well with a fine sand, resembling dry ashes. —Detroit Tribune.

**BANKING HOUSE**  
OF  
**T. R. SELMES,**  
AT HANNIBAL, MISSOURI.  
THE subscriber will at all times be prepared to purchase or sell sight or short time bills of exchange and drafts, on St. Louis and the principal cities of the Union.  
Interest paid depositors, on time or on current account.  
Currency received on deposit, and bought or sold at the best rates.  
Collections made and promptly remitted.  
Hannibal, September 16th, 1853. (s17d5wtf)  
T. R. SELMES.  
Courier and Messenger copy.

**HANNIBAL AND ST. JOSEPH RAILROAD.**  
**Notice to Stockholders.**  
THE annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad Company, for the election of Directors, will be held at Chillicothe, in the county of Livingston, on the first Monday in November, A. D., 1853. By order of the Board of Directors.  
WASHINGTON JONES, Secretary.  
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**BRANDY.**  
PURE Old Pale and Dark Brandy for Medicinal purposes, for sale at the Drug Store of  
July 28, 1853—d&wtid  
ANDERSON.

**MR. EMERSON'S SCHOOL**  
HANNIBAL.

**REV. DANIEL EMERSON, A. M.,** will open an English and Classical School for boys in Hannibal on the first Monday in September, in the basement of the Second Presbyterian Church. Terms, per quarter of eleven weeks. For common English Branches, Geography, Arithmetic, &c. \$5 00; Higher Philosophy, Chemistry, &c., \$5 00; Classics, \$6 00; French, German, and Double-Entry Book-Keeping, each extra, \$5 00; Fuel and care of room, 50 cents.  
For information in regard to qualifications and experience, Mr. E. refers to the following testimonials:  
From President Pierce: "This may certify that Mr. Daniel Emerson was graduated at Western Reserve College in August 1839. He was alike distinguished for talent and scholarship, and held a first standing in his class. He is considered as well qualified to instruct in any department of education; but is distinguished for skill in Language, and would, it is believed, excel as Teacher in a Classical Seminary."  
"Western Reserve College," Pres. West. Res. College, Aug. 22d, 1841.  
From Judge Van Swearingen and Others: "I concur fully with the sentiments in the certificate of President Pierce, of the qualifications of Rev. D. Emerson to instruct in any department of education," and cheerfully add, that I have been a constant patron of his school, taught here since its organization, and that it is surpassed by none and equalled by few within my knowledge for efficiency and government."  
THOMAS VAN SWEARINGEN.  
"West Ely, June 16, 1853."  
"We cordially concur in the above recommendations,"  
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JOHN M. COMBS, ESQ.,  
JOHN WATSON,  
ALFRED WARNER.

**FALL TRADE.**  
Fashionable and Staple Hats and Caps, Wholesale.  
I WOULD call the attention of the Trade and of merchants from the country, to a large assortment of superior Mole-skins of different qualities, and of my own manufacture, and of the latest styles. Also, to Beaver, Otter, Russia and Angora Hats.  
Kossuth Hats, Hungarian do; Congress do; Artist do; Union Hats; Jenny Lind do; Lady Franklin do; Metropolitan and Citizens' do.  
Of the above different styles of Soft Hats in Fur, Wool, Brush and smooth Men's, Boys' and Infants', Fine and Coarse, I have a full stock of each kind and quality. Also, Otter, Seal, Muskrat, and Hair Seal Caps. Flush, Mohair, Seal-skin and Do., of all the new styles, ranging from the most costly to the commonest articles in use. For sale on cash, or to good punctual customers. Call and see, a  
JOHN McNEIL'S,  
17 and 21 Market street, St. Louis, Mo.  
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**New Scientific Books.**  
**TRAWLINE ON RAILROAD CURVES.** The Field Practice of laying out Circular Curves.  
**ELLET ON THE MISSISSIPPI AND OHIO RIVERS;** the Practicability of Improving the Navigation.  
**RELIGION AND GEOLOGY,** by Prof. Hitchcock; a new work of thrilling interest.  
**STODARD'S READY RECKONER.**  
**NINEVAN AND ITS REMAINS;** by Layard.  
**Also—TRAVELS IN EGYPT AND PALESTINE;** a new work by J. Thompson, M. D.  
For sale at the new Book Store in Commercial Row, July 12th  
D. K. GARMAN.

**The Arena Mill**  
IS now in full operation, and will buy all the Good Wheat and Corn offered for sale at their Mill. We keep on hand the best article of Superfine Family Flour for sale, or we will exchange Flour for Wheat. We will always sell as low or lower than Quincy Flour can be had of the same quality.  
Call and examine for yourself.  
A. S. ROBARDS & SON.  
Hannibal, June 3, 1852-1f.

**WINE.**  
Pure Old Port, Sherry, Madeira, Claret and Malaga wines, for medicinal and medicinal purposes, constantly for sale at the Drug Store of  
July 28, 1853—d&wtid  
ANDERSON.

**ADVERTISING.**  
Advertising is one of the great objects for which a business paper exists. It takes the business of him who advertises out of the narrow limits where it is located, and carries it abroad as far as itself travels. It exhibits the interior of your shop, or store, over counties and States, and daily brings from a distance, customers who are new friends to you, and who would never have heard of you except through your advertisement. It has also equal benefits for the readers of the paper. It shows them where and when to get precisely the things they want. A good advertising business and a wide circulation therefore go together, and it is mutually for the interests of the dealer to advertise, and of the citizen to subscribe, in a paper which will bring them together. It is our object to do that thing; we feel that we are made for our patrons benefit; and we are determined that all our energies shall be expended in endeavoring to promote it. If the public think with us, let business men and subscribers, in town and country, try us, and see if we do not bring them together for their best advantage.

**Servant Wanted!!**  
ANY one having a good Servant Woman to hire, can hear a situation, on application to the Office.  
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**NEW BOOKS!**  
RECEIVED for sale at D. K. GARMAN'S  
NEW BOOK STORE.  
Fern Leaves, from Fanny's Port-Folio;  
Queens of England, in 6 volumes;  
Santa Fe, New Mexico, and the Navajo Country, by Simpson;  
Adventures in the Ozark Mountains of Missouri and Arkansas, by Ellet; —ALSO—  
Frank Forester's Field Sports, Fish and Fishing;  
With numerous Standard Works.  
Hannibal, September 13, 1853—d&wtid

**FIELD'S SOAP BOOK—New Edition.**  
Literary and Miscellaneous Soap Book.  
CONSISTS of Tales and Anecdotes—Biographical, Historical, Patriotic, Moral, Religious, and Sentimental Tales, in Prose and Poetry. Compiled by William Felt. Second edition, revised and improved.

**The Footpath and Highway; or,**  
**WANDERINGS of an American in Great Britain,** in 1851 & '52. By Benjamin Morgan. This volume embodies the observations of the author, made during eight months' wanderings, as a correspondent for American Journals; and as he traveled much on foot, differs essentially from those on the same countries, by other writers.

**New Them for the Protestant Clergy;**  
CREEDS with Clarity, Theology without Humanity, antiprotectionism without Christianity; with Notes by the Editor on the Literature of Charity, Population, Patriotism, Political Economy, and Protestantism. "The question which the book discusses is, whether the Church of this age is what the primitive Churches, and whether Christians—both pastors and people—are doing their duty. Our author believes not, and our mind, he has made out a strong case. He thinks an abundant room for reform at the present time; that it is needed almost as much as in the days of old."  
For sale at the NEW BOOK STORE. jy12d&wtid

**NW BOOKS.**  
Pioneer Women in the West, by Mrs. Ellet;  
Lofly and lovely Martha McIntosh;  
Dream Life, Caroline Caesbore;  
The Tell Tale Truth;  
Sunny Side, by Mrs. Ellet;  
Peep at Numbness, by Trusta;  
Gems from the Mine, by Thos. Wyatt;  
For sale at the NEW BOOK STORE, by  
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D. K. GARMAN.

**NEW RUG STORE.**  
DR. R. ANDERSON, has just opened and will constantly on hand a General Assortment of  
**Drug Medicines, Paints, Oils,**  
Varnishes, Stuffs, Window Glass, Spices, Perfumery, Soap, and every other article usually kept in a Drug Store. Articles have been selected by himself with great care, by one of the best druggists in the State, and he WANTS every article sold by him, to be GENUINE AND CHEAP.  
He occupies the Old of Gleim and Mathews, on Main street, opposite the Hotel.  
Hannibal, July 28—d&wtid

**Land, Housand Timber for Sale!**  
J. R. HARDY is for sale, 200 acres of Land in Illinois, near Hannibal Ferry, and convenient to the Hannibal & St. Louis Plank Road. It is all good land, and 12550 acres of it is on high ground that never overflows is the best land this side the Bluffs. 14 acres are under fence; it has three good cabins on it; there are acres in potatoes, with a fine prospect of a plentrop, owing to the good quality of the land. Then about 2,500 or 3,000 cords of good Boat Wood. The timber is worth \$1,000 without the ground.  
There are 44 acres and a half miles south of Hannibal, of the same Timber—the best in the vicinity.  
One small lot on Main street, between Third and Fourth.  
All of which I sell privately or to the highest bidder, on the 20th inst. month.  
LOOK OUT FOR GAINS! for I am determined to leave this try.  
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**DON'T EAT THIS!**  
WE the undersigned, having used Giles F. Filley's Celebrated  
"CHARER OAK"  
"AIR TIGHT,"  
Cooking Stove, Manufactured by Filley of St. Louis, and sold by  
C. W. RYAN,  
Of Ribal, Mo.,  
Take pleasure in recommending to the public as superior in point of economy of fuel, convenience and ease of regulation, any Air-Tight Cook Stove which we have ever used.  
(ap-7-d-1y.)

**Flour! Flour! Flour!**  
Arrena Mill.  
FARMERS AND MERCHANTS coming to Hannibal with the intention of selling wheat and buying flour, would do well to call and see us before selling or purchasing elsewhere. Remember the big stone Mill on Bird, between Main and Third streets. Give us a call.  
A. S. ROBARDS & SON.  
N. B. Our Flour is sold nowhere else but at the Mill. Every sack and barrel is branded with our name on it.  
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"A. S. ROBARDS & SON."

**JOHN S. THOMSON,**  
WHOLESALE GROCER.  
Nos. 30 and 32 Second street, near Post Office.  
1853. St. Louis, Mo. 1853.  
HAS in store and is in receipt of the following desirable stock of Groceries, which is offered at the lowest market rates for prompt pay:  
600 bbls N. O. and c'd'd sugar, 300 bbls c'd'd do.  
1000 pkgs M. R. raisins, 3000 drums Elmer figs.  
50 casks Zante currants, 50 bails dates,  
50 casks prunes, 50 cases do, in glass,  
100 bbls S. S. almonds, 25 do H. S. do, 25 do,  
25 bbls English walnuts, 25 do cream nuts,  
4000 kegs nails, 4 to 6d, 500 do blued 2 and 3d nails,  
700 do fence do, 8 and 10, 350 do brad do, 6, 8 and 10,  
100 do fishing do, 6, 8 and 10, 100 do wrought do,  
75 do spikes, 4 to 7 in, 150 bxs tacks, 4 to 14 oz do,  
500 bags cotton yarn, 200 do dozen do,  
150 bags white cat pet warp, 100 do cold do,  
400 bales batting, 300 do candle wick,  
300 do wrapping twine, 500 bbls mackerel, 1, 23, and  
300 half bbls mackerel, Nos. 1, 2 and 3,  
100 bbls roe herrings, 600 bxs sealed do,  
50 cks Eng. codfish, 50 do Grand Bank do,  
1200 bxs codfish, 100 lbs each, 20 bbls No. 1 sa lmon;  
200 cans Baltimore Cove oysters,  
50 cases sardines, whole, half and quarters,  
50 bbls pecan nuts, 100 bags pea ruts,  
1000 bushels dried apples, 500 do dried peaches,  
60 bxs tallow candles, 200 bxs palm soap,  
50 bxs Olean soap, 200 do star candles,  
30 bxs sperm candles, 50 do Castle soap,  
300 bxs shaving soap, 100 cks Boston saleratus,  
200 bxs starch, 200 bbls Wilmington tar,  
15 bbls linseed oil, 100 bxs chocolate,  
200 bxs fire crackers, 50 kgs bar lead,  
500 bags drop shot, 100 do buck shot,  
1000 reams cap and letter paper, 3000 do wrapping do,  
100 reams tea paper, 100 bxs lemon syrup,  
1000 bags dairy salt, 1000 do G. A. do, 200 do L. B. do  
600 doz 2 hoop buckets, 200 do 3-hoop do,  
100 doz half buckets, 300 nests p'd tubs, 3 & 8 each,  
100 doz zinc wash boards, 150 bxs clothes pins,  
25 doz well-buckets, 300 bxs black matches,  
200 bxs Roman matches, 100 bbls oakum,  
200 bbls butter and water crackers, 100 do pitch,  
100 bbls rosin, 250 bxs clay pipes, 100 do stone do,  
25 cases g'd'd Turk pipe-heads, 25 bbls pearl barley,  
200 demijohns, 1 to 5 gallons, 100 cks rice,  
10 bbls split peas, 20 bxs British lustre,  
100 bxs double refined saleratus,  
10 casks Scotch ale, 25 bbls Masen's blacking,  
200 half bbls city and La. S. H. molasses,  
800 chests h'l green and black teas, 400 bxs do do,  
100 pks golden syrup, 500 bxs Va. and Mo. tobacco,  
300 bxs cut smok'g tobacco, 100 do cut chewing do,  
100 bxs yellow bank do, 25 do Spanish smok'g do,  
100 jars Macaboy snuff, 2 bbls Scotch do,  
50 M regalia cigars, 20 M principle do,  
50 M Havana do, 300 boxes melee do,  
200 boxes Cuba and Havana sixes do,  
100 bbls cider vinegar, 300 kgs rifle powder,  
300 kgs blasting powder, 100 cases canister do,  
2 million G. D. caps, 100 M feet safety fuse,  
200 bags pepper, 100 do alsipice, 10 cases nutmegs,  
20 bbls cloves, 1500 mats cassia, 20 bbls g'd'd ginger,  
25 bags race ginger, 100 bxs mustard,  
50 canisters mustard, 50 kegs English do,  
300 bxs Underwood's pickles, 300 do peppercorn,  
100 bxs tomatoe catsup, 10 do Cayenne pepper,  
300 bxs assorted candy, 10 do rock do,  
200 bxs assorted ground spices, 500 doz bed cords,  
500 coils Manila cordage assorted,  
10 bbls flax sewing twine, 3000 lbs broom twine,  
10 casks crop madder, 50 bbls alum,  
50 bbls copperas, 25 do trimstone, 1 ck sulphur,  
24 bbls chop logwood, 50 bxs extract do,  
160 cases carb soda, 5 cks washing do,  
10 bbls Epsom salts, 100 bxs black ink,  
2 cases white chalk, 25 bbls whitening,  
5 bbls putty, in bladders, 3 do camphor,  
50 kegs saltpetre, 1000 doz yeast-powders,  
15 cases ass'd playing cards, 300 doz brooms,  
10 bbls tanners' oil, 50 baskets salad oil,  
200 pockets brown Java coffee, 50 bbls Jamaica, do  
300 bbls N. O. molasses, 600 do city and La. S. H. do  
200 bbls loaf, pow'd and crushed sugar,  
1500 bags Rio coffee, 400 bags Laguyra coffee,  
LIQUORS.  
300 bbls rectified whisky, 50 do Bourbon do,  
100 bbls Monongahela do, 15 do rye do,  
100 bbls Am. brandy, 10 do do gin,  
100 bxs quart flasks, 300 do pt do, 50 hf pt do,  
100 bxs tumblers, ass'd, 50 do glass decanters,  
200 bxs equal jars, 50 cerosons S. F. indigo,  
5 cases Madras indigo, 1 do Manila do,  
500 bxs window glass, 7x9 to 10x14.

**Stove Certificates.**  
We, the undersigned, having used the St. Louis Stoves manufactured by G. F. Filley, of St. Louis, and sold by CARTER W. BRYAN, at Hannibal, Mo., take pleasure in recommending them to the public as superior in point of draft, durability, economy, convenience and ease of regulation, to any stove which we have ever used:  
John I. Ellet  
George C. Foster  
Dr. L. T. Brittingham  
Charles W. Mills  
Henry Uterback  
Wm. Hawkins  
A. Ingram  
Thomas Coyerdall  
R. Gunter  
Jesse Wright  
W. F. Kercheval  
Wm. Logan  
Israel Johnson  
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Washington Meyers  
B. Breeding  
W. L. Lacy  
J. B. Hayden  
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Oliver Terrill  
James Emison  
E. Truett  
T. Ballard  
I. Tufts  
I. Lyle  
Daniel Ford  
J. Mosely  
James Thompson  
Wm. H. Houck  
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M. M. Barron  
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J. Lemon.

**NEW COOK STOVES!!**  
Persons wishing to buy stoves, should give us a call, and examine our new patterns of  
  
"Charter Oak" Cook Stoves.

This stove possesses advantages over common stoves, in thickness of the plate, and improvements in draft.  
This stove was patented September, 1852, and wherever they have been used, have given general satisfaction. This stove weighs some forty pounds more to the number than any other stove ever brought to this city. The plates in them are from one-half to three-fourths of an inch in thickness. No. 1 weighs over 200 pounds. We warrant them all against fires. These stoves have a Patent Hot Air Flue, which carries the heat that is generated under the fire-plate down the front part of the stove, between two thick plates to the draft at the bottom of the stove.

**THE INTRODUCTION OF**  
**FILLEY'S STOVES**  
Into Northern Missouri, to any extent, has been in the last three years; since which time they have been gradually increasing the manufacture and sale of them; and although, owing to their being light and smooth, and something new, some little difficulty attended the sale and use at first, yet by always making Stoves and Castings of the best quality of Scotch Pig and Missouri Mountain Iron, they have proved to withstand fire better than any other Casting made in the western country. The furnace castings and hollow-ware particularly, have been superseded by it, wherever it has been brought into use, and always given satisfaction. Having lived here a number of years, and being permanently located here, purchasers can rely on our guarantee as to the quality of the article sold by us; and as to the operation of our celebrated Prize-Premium Cook Stove, just read the certificates of those who have used them, and are using them now. And another advantage a purchaser will have in buying a St. Louis stove of us, he would not only be getting a stove made of the best material in the world, but he can at any time get an odd piece or plate without any charge, by letting us know that such is wanted, as all our stoves are warranted, and, in case of imperfection, the article will be promptly made good to the purchaser, which he will not find the case with Cincinnati, Chicago, Pittsburgh, and Eastern made Stoves, as you cannot get any odd Pieces. Even if they were warranted, it would be impossible to get odd plates from such a distance.  
July 16, 1853—(d&wtid) C. W. BRYAN.